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Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs (Committee) will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1-2, 1998, at VA Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The September 1 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. in Room C7C and the September 2 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon in Room 630. On the morning of September 1, the Committee will receive briefings by the National Program Directors of the Special-Disabilities Programs regarding the status of their activities over the last six months. In the afternoon, the Committee will receive a briefing on the data collection methodology used in the Report to Congress on Maintaining Capacity to Provide for the Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitative Needs of Disabled Veterans. On the morning of September 2, the Committee will be given a status report on the development of outcome measures for the special disability programs. The Committee will finish

with a discussion on its recommendations with input from VHA senior manager (Chief Patient Care Services Officer.) The purpose of the Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs is to advise the Department on its prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also advises the Department on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

The meeting is open to the public. For those wishing additional information, contact Kathy Pessagno, Veterans Health Administration (113), phone (202) 273-8512, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Notice of availability of the Executive Summary of this meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** in the near future.

Dated: August 25, 1998.

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Committee Management Officer.

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